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In re Patent Application of:
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH
PHOTOCONDUCTIVE BODY, AND
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE
MEDIUM

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

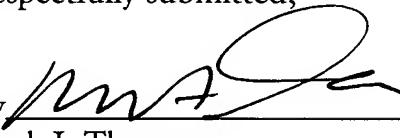
Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the August 12, 2004 Notices of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner.

Applicant wishes to point out that independent claim 33 is directed to a "computer-readable storage medium," and not an image-forming apparatus as indicated in the Examiner's Statement. Moreover, Applicant agrees in part with the stated reasons for allowance, insofar as the prior art does not teach or suggest the features noted by the Examiner. However, Applicant believes that other aspects of the

claimed invention are also not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. Thus, the stated reasons for allowance should interpreted as highlighting only some of the differences between prior art and the claimed invention. As usual, the scope of the claims should be based on the totality of the language of the allowed claims.

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